



# NEWS RELEASE

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## HIGHWAY 152 TO BE CLOSED FROM JUNE 19 THROUGH JUNE 30 FOR EMBANKMENT REPAIR

**SANTA CRUZ COUNTY** – Highway 152 will be closed between Casserly Road/Carlton Road and Mt. Madonna at the Santa Cruz/Santa Clara county line from the week of Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 30, 2006, due to slope repair, Caltrans officials announced today.

Repairing the failed embankment is needed because winter rain caused storm damage. The slopes will be reconstructed in layers of natural soil elements and reinforced with strong plastic mesh. The area will also be seeded with native grasses.

Hecker Pass will be completely closed to through traffic for about 12 days to expedite construction work and minimize overall traffic delays. Traffic will be routed to Highway 129 with detour signs posted along highways and roads in Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and San Benito counties.

Through traffic between Gilroy and Watsonville should use Highway 129 as an alternate route until June 30.

Caltrans has a \$300,000 contract with Monterey Peninsula Engineering, Contractors and Engineers of Monterey and Pavex Construction of Santa Cruz to repair the slopes.

Updates will be provided as conditions warrant.

Caltrans reminds motorists to and 'Slow for the Cone Zone'.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in Santa Cruz County, the public can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 831-423-0396 or visit the District 5 website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upscr.htm>.

